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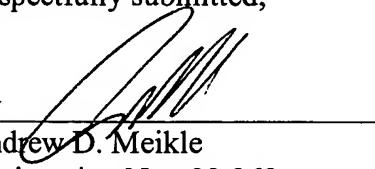
Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on November 7, 2005, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/409) that should be made of record in the present application.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 0000054547	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. PCT/EP2004/004957	International filing date (day/month/year) 10.05.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 20.05.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC			
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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-53 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
 nos. 1-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

I. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-9, 11, 12	YES
	Claims	10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present report makes reference to the following documents:

- (A) WO 02074753
- (B) DE 3419127.

Novelty

The present fungicides and intermediate products according to claims 1, 9 and 10 appear to satisfy the requirements of PCT Article 33(2): the part of the general formula that overlaps with document (A) is considered to be a novel selection from said document and the present compounds differ from document (B) by virtue in particular of the two pyrimidine substituents "NR¹R²" and "phenyl-L_n".

Inventive step

The problem addressed by the present invention can consequently be regarded as that of providing further fungicides. Document (A), considered to be the closest prior art, discloses compounds with the desired activity

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in a general formula which encompasses a substantial number of the present compounds. In the event of such closely related prior art, an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3) can only be acknowledged if the present compounds display an unexpected improvement relative to the closest prior art. It was possible to show an unexpected improvement of this nature, which can be attributed to the present carboxyl group in the substituent R4, by means of the first comparative test, submitted with the letter of 9 March 2005. The present intermediate products according to claim 9 also involve an inventive step since they contain said carboxyl group. However, this does not apply to the intermediate products according to claim 10, which are not considered inventive *per se*, being one of a number of possible standard precursors of the fungicides that are to be produced.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited**1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)**

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See Supplemental Box**2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)**

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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Supplemental Box

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Continuation of:

Box VI

WO 03043993 (document (C)) has been disregarded during the international phase as an intermediate document. However, the applicant should be aware that the present application, as far as $L = NO_2$, already appears to rightfully enjoy the claimed priority and, in consequence, document (C) does not constitute prior art with regard to the assessment of inventive step. The compounds according to (C) differ from those of the present application by virtue of the substituent " R^4 ".